

Jacumba Sponsor Group General Meeting Minutes Of 07-24, 2012

MEETING PRELIMINARIES

- Mark Ostrander called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.
- Mark requested that all Cell Phones and Pagers be silenced and then led the pledge of allegiance.
- Mark called the roll: Shirley Fisher (excused), Howard Cook (present), Steve Squillaci (present) Mark Ostrander (present), and Pat Fauble (present). Mark established that there was a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes of Last Meeting** – There were no corrections to the minutes. Pat Fauble moved to accept the minutes as written. Steve Squillaci seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously
- **Standing Rules Review**
These are procedural in nature and cover how the effective and legal operation of our Sponsor Group. There was some discussion as to whether there were new County rules for how long a chair could serve.
 - Steve Squillaci moved to adopt the rules (no date shown) as is. Motion was seconded by Pat Fauble and passed unanimously

Action Item: Mark will send to Cheryl Jones at the County Supervisors to make sure they meet county goals

NEW BUSINESS

- **San Diego County Parks (PLDO) presentation**-Steve Cast of the County Parks and Recreation discussed the recent ordinance through the Housing Development Department that mandated a tax fee with every new built home. The resultant money is intended for Parks and recreation. He wants to know how how Planning/Sponsor groups would like to spend the money. Rules for money are:
 - Must be “active Recreation” projects such as soccer field, swimming pool, dance slabs, recreational community gardens [maybe the monthly water bill?] etc.
 - Cast asked for a five year plan (wish list) for Jacumba
 - Can resubmit requests sent in previous years through Service District but not acted on.
 - Must be on level land.

Action Item: Mark asked Myra Price (Women’s Cub President and in charge of community garden) to get back to him on how the monies might support the garden. Mark will also talk to the Mt Empire Collaborative.

- **Jacumba Name Change**. Dave Landman had recently applied to the State of California to have the town name changed back to “Jacumba Hot Springs”. This action generated a call on July 16 from Jeff Chambers (State Department Water Resources and Geographic name Committee member) to Howard Cook, a member of the Sponsor Group. The State was concerned that the Sponsor Group or Community might not be in favor of the name change. Howard Cook informed him he would ask Mark Ostrander to put the issue on the next Sponsor Group Agenda so that there could be community feedback.
 - Mr Chambers asked Howard cook for the name and contact information on all Sponsor Group members so he could confirm their support or nonsupport with them himself.
 - The discussion revolved around a letter from the US Board on Geographic Names to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors of 06/13/12.
 - Howard Cook said that the name change had the support of Dave Landman and Mitch Beauchamp.
 - Local Businessmen Ben Schultz of the Desert Tower and Reagan Shallal of Jacumba Service Stations were there in person and endorsed the change to “Jacumba Hot Springs”.
 - The meeting audience of 15 to 20 were all positive about the change.

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- Numerous people emphasized that this was not a name change but a reclaiming of the original name. Pat Fauble, Sponsor Group Member said that the deed to her over 50 year old home gave the address as “Jacumba Hot Springs”.
- Cook stated that the official name for the railroad station and RR stop was “Jacumba Hot Springs”.
- Some in favor of the name change were concerned about the length of the 3 word versus the one word name. They were ok with the name change when they learned that the post office would continue for now to use the Jacumba name and the 91934 zip code.
- The Sponsor Group itself voted unanimously, 4-0 on a motion from Howard Cook with a second by Pat Fauble to support the change and also to authorize President Mark Ostrander to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors supporting the name change. He will also notify Jeff Chambers of the California Advisory Board On Geographic Names (CACGN) of the town support, and vote result. Mark will also send Sponsor group member contact information to Chambers as he requested.
- Ben Shultz of the Desert Tower advised that he would donate use of part of his land, which previously had a bill board sign visible from Interstate Highway Eight for a large sign advertising the Jacumba Hot Springs Name, the Hot Springs, The Lake, Tri-colored Blackbird, Spa, other tourist draws including the Railroad.

Action Items: Mark will contact Jeff Chambers and give him the Sponsor Group contact information. Mark will also send the support letter to the supervisors

- **Correspondence**

Mark talked to Steve in the County Planning Group and attended the July 20th hearing on the wind ordinance. The ordinance will be accepted but with a lot of conditions including setback ranges . There is no date set yet as to when it will be before board. Large windmills are out and there is a renewed focus on health issues that have been buried. The projects will be revisited in 3 years and if there are health issues they will be shut down. There was some discussion on DBA VS DBC (DBC sound is out to human range and is the one they will use). Went to the traffic Advisory Community meeting but there was nothing that hits on our area

UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

- Border Patrol Update (Cory Anderson)
 - This month marks 3rd anniversary of Border Agent Rosa’s murder and the 5th anniversary of the border agent who succumbed to heat exhaustion
 - Illegals are no longer loading in Jacumba but further up the Highway.
 - Cory asked us to report any suspicious figures such as same vehicle doing laps
 - San Ysidro area is still a huge problem.
 - New Boulevard station opening officially in February, may have ribbon cutting ceremony.
 - Flyer will be emailed to Mark for youth event. They will talk to Mt Empire teenagers about the dangers and downside to getting involved with smugglers
 - August 14th at 6PM will be Community Watch meeting
 - Said he had a meeting with Helen Landman.
 - Cory said his replacement had not yet been selected but that Jason Bush had expressed interest and that he would be good in his function.
- Sheriff Update –Not present

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- **Revitalization updates**

- **Community Garden Project by Myra Price** - we currently have 3 viable gardens underway. Unfortunately the birds ate most of the seeds. Gophers or ground squirrels destroyed the blackberry roots so the blackberry bush died. The next meeting is August 19th at the Highland center at 6PM. The Espinosa's are sponsoring water. The Westside area is being worked on. Lorrie Ostrander is disturbing the nesting tunnels and leveling the land. Still working on garden bylaws
- **Lake Committee** Dani Cook reported that she was completing a proposal for an SDGE grant with the Arts Council. If awarded the grant money, the lake would get benches, a diorama and other enhancements. The local schools would also participate in an educational piece. The Committee will hear back in September whether the grant was awarded
- **Train Project**-Howard Cook reported that he had spoken to Mitch Beauchamp about his plans for the railroad. Mitch stated that he does want a tourism component at some point. Currently, his interest is in hauling freight. He is interested in buying and freighting water (non-potable?)
- **Boulevard Update** given by Tammy Daubach. She stated she was meeting soon with Supervisor Jacob regarding use of the old fire station and the proposed library.
- **Misc.** Mark Ostrander said that government money was tight (government grants). Private and endowment money was all that was available. Danielle Cook stated that the Jacumba Lounge was now open for business downtown and, as it was the first new business in Jacumba for some time, she encouraged people to patronize.

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- Boulevard, Jacumba, La Posta Fire Safe Council and Cert (by Mark Ostrander)

- Our Cert group is the largest in the county.

Fire safe

- Fire Safety Council will be in the Pine Valley Days parade
- Meetings are last Monday of the month and will be permanently located at the Boulevard Fire Station. This is because the Jacumba station is not always consistently available
- This Monday there will be a guest speaker on substance abuse and underage drinking
- September 8 is community chipping day at Mark Ostrander's house

- Eye Gnat Report by Danielle Cook in Bill Pape's absence

Danielle reported that Bornt had vacated the farm acreage. Chris Conlin (DEH) confirmed that the farm had been sprayed with conventional pesticides. This should mean that we will experience a more ambient population of eye gnats moving forward. Tammy Daubach reported that Bornt Farms was now in Anza and that the farm butted against the town limits. She stated that Bornt is renting his new land from the mayor and publisher of the local newspaper, the residents of Anza are in for a ride.

- Future Agenda Items Mark reminded group to email or call the Thursday before to get items placed. If the items involved an organized presentation he will need at least one week notice to give proper notifications
- SD Gas and Electric No one present

NON-AGENDA PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- Tammy Daubach announced:

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- That the Boulevard-Jacumba communities were on a list for dumpsters so we could do a community cleanup. She is still seeing if we can get a grant.
 - There was a BCM fund raiser for Campo fire Department scheduled on August 13
 - The Messenger was now asking groups to fill out a form ahead of time so that the newspaper could list events on their calendar. The deadline is August 13th
- Dani Cook announced that the Arts Council would be holding a free Arts Festival on Saturday, October 27th. She said the Women's Club would be holding a bake sale at the festival.

Meeting was Adjourned 7:20 PM. Next Meeting –August 28, 2012 6:00 pm at the Jacumba Library

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Cook-Sponsor Group Board Member and Secretary